

REMARKS

Claims 7 and 8 are pending in this application. Claim 7 is amended hereby.

Responsive to the rejection of claims 7 and 8 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), in the Office Action dated September 11, 2003 for application serial no. 10/154,032, as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,056,580 (Cross et al), Applicants have amended claim 7 and submit that claims 7 and 8 are now in condition for allowance.

Cross et al '580 disclose an electrical plug and cord strain relief (Fig. 7) including device 20B having arms 25, 26 provided with apertures 47, 48, respectively (column 5, lines 1-5). Apertures 42, 43 are engaged by lugs 49 carried by stems 50 on hood 30 of plug 22A (column 5, lines 5-7).

In contrast, claim 7, as amended, recites in part:

a compressor plug, said compressor plug having a diametrically opposed pair of plug tabs extending therefrom, said compressor plug including a plurality of conductors, a plurality of receptacle terminals, and a plug end having a triangular shape, said plurality of conductors approximately perpendicular to said plurality of receptacle terminals, said plurality of receptacle terminals respectively positioned in association with the corners of a triangular shape on said plug end; . . . said fence member substantially surrounding said compressor plug . . .

Applicants submit that such an invention is neither taught, disclosed nor suggested by Cross et al '580 or any of the other cited references, alone or in combination, and has distinct advantages therover.

Cross et al '580 disclose an electrical plug and cord strain relief where the strain relief includes arms provided with apertures which mate with lugs on the plug. The strain relief of Cross et al '580 does not provide protection for the plug from impact while still promoting easy access thereto as does the fence member of the present invention. Cross et al '580 fail to disclose, teach or suggest a compressor plug having a diametrically opposed pair of plug tabs extending

therefrom, the compressor plug including a plurality of conductors, a plurality of receptacle terminals and a plug end, the plurality of conductors approximately perpendicular to the plurality of receptacle terminals, the plurality of receptacle terminals arranged in a triangular form on the plug end, and a fence member substantially surrounding the compressor plug.

An advantage of the present invention is that the fence member of the compressor plug assembly is configured for protecting the compressor plug from impact while still promoting easy access thereto.

For all of the foregoing reasons, Applicants submit that claim 7, and claim 8 depending therefrom, are now in condition for allowance, which is hereby respectfully requested.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicant submits that no combination of the cited references teaches, discloses or suggests the subject matter of the amended claims. The pending claims are therefore in condition for allowance, and Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of all rejections and allowance of the claims.

In the event Applicant has overlooked the need for an extension of time, an additional extension of time, payment of fee, or additional payment of fee, Applicant hereby conditionally petitions therefor and authorizes that any charges be made to Deposit Account No. 20-0095, TAYLOR & AUST, P.C.

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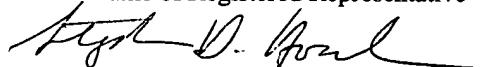
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